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SEASONAL FACTORS AFFECT EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT

Jobless Rate Rises Slightly in September

Between August and September 1990, the actual Texas unemployment rate rose moderately from 5.9 percent to 6.2 percent. The number of jobless Texans increased from 500,900 in August to 525,600 in September. Total employment rose slightly over the month. Much of the increase in both unemployment and total employment was due to seasonal factors. The hiring of auxiliary staff for schools and colleges boosted the number of jobs in both private and public schools and colleges. Offsetting losses were recorded due to the closing of summer recreational programs and amusement parks. The current unemployment rate of 6.2 percent was one-tenth of a percent below the September 1989 rate of 6.3 percent.

The Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also increased between August and September, rising from 5.9 percent to 6.3 percent in mid-September. The current rate in this series was also just below the year-ago rate of 6.4 percent. The National rates continued to inch upward in both series in September. The actual U. S. rate rose from 5.4 percent to 5.5 percent, while the seasonally adjusted rate pushed upward to 5.7 percent—its highest level since March 1988. These increases, although relatively small, do indicate a continuing weakness in the Nation's economy. As Texas' economic structure more closely resembles that of the Nation, those trends also tend to be reflected here, to varying degrees.

Nonfarm Jobs Rise Seasonally

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs increased by 27,600 from August to September. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** was 6,947,600 in mid-September. Since September 1989, the number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs had risen by 107,700.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 28,800 over the month, with 5,982,700 total jobs, and that figure was up by 111,500 from September '89. This increase was the result of a large upswing of 44,200 jobs in **Government**, which offset seasonal losses in most other nonmanufacturing sectors. State and Local Government rose due to the beginning of the

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep.'90	Aug. '90	Sep.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,779.0	126,011.0	123,828.0
Unemployment	6,818.0	6,837.0	6,330.0
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.4%	5.1%
Total Employment	117,961.0	119,174.0	117,498.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,967.0	124,661.0	124,023.0
Unemployment	7,069.0	7,003.0	6,604.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%
Total Employment	117,898.0	117,658.0	117,419.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,490.7	8,458.7	8,438.4
Unemployment	525.6	500.9	531.9
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	5.9%	6.3%
Total Employment	7,965.1	7,957.8	7,906.5
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,484.0	8,325.0	8,426.0
Unemployment	531.0	492.0	538.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	5.9%	6.4%
Total Employment	7,953.0	7,833.0	7,888.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	SEP.'90*	AUG.'90**	SEP.'89**	SEP.'90*	AUG.'90**	SEP.'89**	SEP.'90*	AUG.'90**	SEP.'89**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	51,400	53,100	97,600	96,900	99,100	435,000	424,600	434,600
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,200	3,300	4,900	4,500	5,600	20,600	19,200	22,100
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	6.2%	6.2%	5.0%	4.6%	5.7%	4.7%	4.5%	5.1%
Total Employment ++	49,300	48,200	49,800	92,700	92,400	93,500	414,400	405,400	412,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	165,600	164,700	163,800	88,000	87,800	85,800	107,300	108,100	104,200
Total Unemployment	12,300	12,100	13,000	5,000	4,700	5,600	12,100	11,800	11,500
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.3%	7.9%	5.7%	5.4%	6.5%	11.3%	10.9%	11.0%
Total Employment ++	153,300	152,600	150,800	83,000	83,100	80,200	95,200	96,300	92,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,000	60,900	62,600	157,800	158,100	157,700	1,453.0	1,448.4	1,450.3
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,000	2,400	11,400	10,500	12,300	77.8	74.1	76.5
Percent Unemployed	3.5%	3.3%	3.8%	7.2%	6.6%	7.8%	5.4%	5.1%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	59,800	58,900	60,200	146,400	147,600	145,400	1,375.2	1,374.3	1,373.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	254,700	253,300	252,800	734,000	737,300	725,200	110,300	111,800	108,900
Total Unemployment	27,900	26,200	24,500	37,900	36,500	38,100	8,100	7,500	7,600
Percent Unemployed	11.0%	10.3%	9.7%	5.2%	5.0%	5.3%	7.3%	6.7%	7.0%
Total Employment ++	226,800	227,100	228,300	696,100	700,800	687,100	102,200	104,300	101,300
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,718.2	1,718.9	1,689.9	99,300	99,700	97,800	53,300	52,900	52,600
Total Unemployment	94.8	90.4	95.0	7,000	6,800	6,600	4,900	4,600	5,300
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.3%	5.6%	7.0%	6.8%	6.7%	9.2%	8.7%	10.1%
Total Employment ++	1,623.4	1,628.5	1,594.9	92,300	92,900	91,200	48,400	48,300	47,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,500	80,500	80,800	115,800	116,000	114,800	158,500	154,000	153,900
Total Unemployment	5,800	5,400	6,400	5,700	6,000	5,200	26,800	24,500	26,400
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	6.7%	7.9%	4.9%	5.2%	4.5%	16.9%	15.9%	17.2%
Total Employment ++	74,700	75,100	74,400	110,100	110,000	109,600	131,700	129,500	127,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,100	48,900	49,800	51,400	51,000	52,100	44,300	43,600	45,600
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,600	2,900	3,000	3,000	4,000	2,500	2,400	2,600
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.3%	5.8%	5.8%	5.9%	7.7%	5.6%	5.5%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	46,400	46,300	46,900	48,400	48,000	48,100	41,800	41,200	43,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	614,800	609,400	611,200	46,900	46,600	47,500	57,700	57,200	58,000
Total Unemployment	43,700	42,500	42,700	2,400	2,400	2,700	3,500	3,300	3,700
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.7%	6.1%	5.8%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	571,100	566,900	568,500	44,500	44,200	44,800	54,200	53,900	54,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,100	74,900	75,600	35,700	36,300	36,600	95,400	93,100	93,900
Total Unemployment	4,900	4,700	5,200	1,800	1,800	2,100	5,800	5,700	5,000
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.3%	6.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.7%	6.1%	6.1%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	70,200	70,200	70,400	33,900	34,500	34,500	89,600	87,400	88,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	55,800	56,700				8,490.7	8,458.7	8,438.4
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,400	3,200				525.6	500.9	531.9
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.1%	5.6%				6.2%	5.9%	6.3%
Total Employment ++	52,600	52,400	53,500				7,965.1	7,957.8	7,906.5

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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fall semester in colleges and local school districts. The Government total of 1,251,100 was up 25,000 from September '89.

Besides Government, **Mining** was the only other major nonmanufacturing sector that experienced an increase, up 300 over the month, to 179,800 jobs. Oil and Gas Extraction accounted for this small gain.

Construction registered a 3,900 seasonal loss, while **Transportation and Public Utilities** fell by 400, due mostly to a decline in Transportation by Air, as the traditional vacation period ended.

Wholesale and Retail Trade decreased by 3,300, bringing the total for September to 1,708,700. Wholesale Trade was down by 2,000 and Retail Trade lost 1,300 jobs. The largest losses in Retail Trade occurred in Eating and Drinking Places, Building Materials and Garden Supplies, Automotive Dealers and Service Stations and Apparel and Accessory Stores. Two larger gains, both of 1,300, did appear in Retail Trade, in General Merchandise Stores and in Food Stores.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate fell by 2,400 to 432,000. This was a loss of 1,200 from a year ago. Depository Institutions, including Banks, lost 900 jobs, while Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers lost 600. Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate also recorded a decrease of 900 jobs in September.

Services dropped by 5,700 over the month, due primarily to summer seasonal activities coming to a close. The September '90 figure of 1,665,500 was up 39,300 from the year-ago figure. There were some gains in Services, the largest of which were in Health Services, up 1,500, and in Educational Services, up 1,100 over the month.

Manufacturing, following the National trend, decreased by 1,200 over the month, totaling 964,900 jobs in September. The current level had declined by 3,800 from September '89.

Durable Goods registered a loss of 1,300 from August and 5,800 from a year ago. The largest declines, both of 700 each, were in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and in Industrial Machinery and Equipment. Another loss occurred in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, down by 400 over the month. Smaller declines of 100 each were found in Transportation Equipment (occurring in Aircraft and Parts) and in Logging Camps. Sawmills, Planing Mills (a sector of Lumber and Wood Products). Some gains that were found in Durables were Furniture and Fixtures, up 200, Primary Metal Industries and Miscellaneous Manufacturing, both up 100, Instruments and Related Products, up 200, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products (Fabricated Metal Industries), which also rose by 200.

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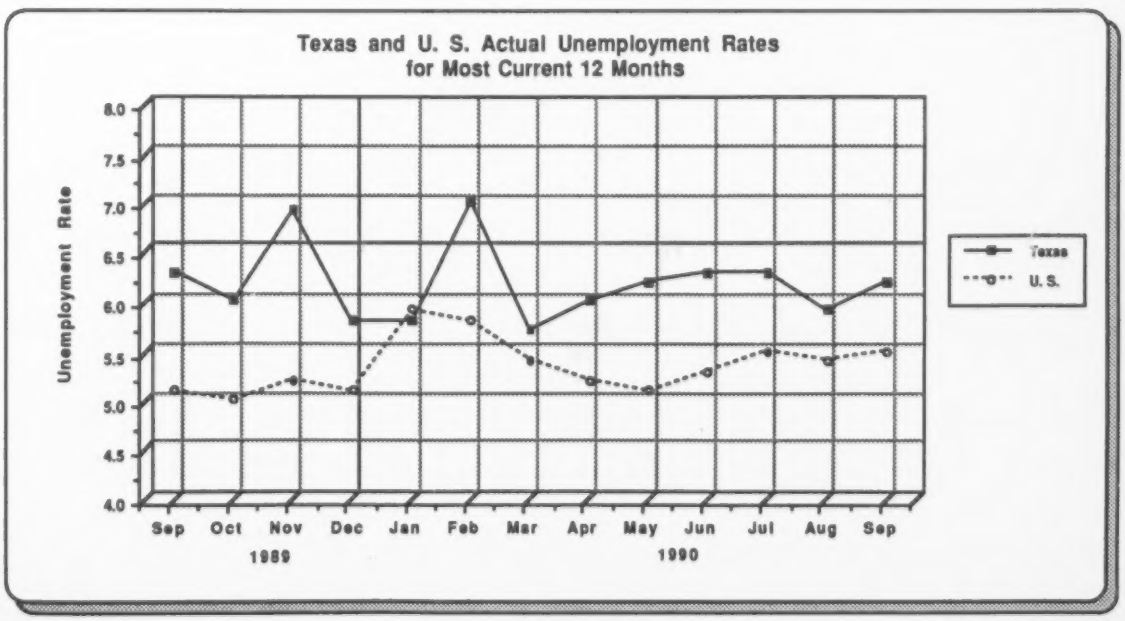

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Sep. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sep. '89**	Chg. from Aug. '90	Chg. from Sep. '89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,947,600**	**6,920,000**	**6,839,900**	**27,600**	**107,700**
MANUFACTURING	**964,900**	**966,100**	**968,700**	**-1,200**	**-3,800**
Durable Goods	**550,100**	**551,400**	**555,900**	**-1,300**	**-5,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,800	30,800	30,200	0	600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,200	6,800	-100	300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,200	16,400	200	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	34,800	35,200	36,900	-400	-2,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,600	14,600	16,200	0	-1,600
Primary Metal Industries	29,300	29,200	29,200	100	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,600	78,600	77,300	0	1,300
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	38,200	38,000	37,000	200	1,200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	106,800	107,500	105,900	-700	900
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	24,100	24,300	23,100	-200	1,000
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	103,200	103,900	106,700	-700	-3,500
Transportation Equipment	97,800	97,900	100,600	-100	-2,800
Aircraft & Parts	70,200	70,300	72,300	-100	-2,100
Instruments & Related Prod.	36,600	36,400	37,100	200	-500
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,800	15,700	15,600	100	200
Nondurable Goods	**414,800**	**414,700**	**412,800**	**100**	**2,000**
Food & Kindred Products	99,500	98,200	97,200	1,300	2,300
Meat Products	30,000	29,400	29,500	600	500
Dairy Products	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Bakery Products	9,800	9,700	10,200	100	-400
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Textile Mill Products	3,700	3,700	4,000	0	-300
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	53,700	53,800	57,100	-100	-3,400
Paper & Allied Products	24,700	24,500	24,700	200	0
Printing & Publishing	71,800	72,500	72,300	-700	-500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	33,800	34,400	34,200	-600	-400
Chemicals & Allied Products	84,100	84,600	80,500	-500	3,600
Petroleum & Coal Products	29,200	29,600	28,400	-400	800
Petroleum Refining	25,900	26,300	25,200	-400	700
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,900	40,600	40,800	300	100
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,100	7,700	0	-600
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,982,700**	**5,953,900**	**5,871,200**	**28,800**	**111,500**
Mining	**179,800**	**179,500**	**173,500**	**300**	**6,300**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,700	9,800	9,700	-100	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	170,100	169,700	163,800	400	6,300
Construction	**325,200**	**330,100**	**317,900**	**-3,900**	**8,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**419,400**	**419,800**	**404,700**	**-400**	**14,700**
Railroad Transportation	18,700	18,700	20,000	0	-1,300
Other Transportation	236,300	236,700	223,900	-400	12,400
Transportation by Air	74,800	75,400	68,800	-600	6,000
Communications	87,200	86,900	84,100	300	3,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,200	77,500	76,700	-300	500
Electric Services	40,300	40,600	40,800	-300	-500
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,600	27,400	-100	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,708,700**	**1,712,000**	**1,689,600**	**-3,300**	**19,100**
Wholesale Trade	427,100	429,100	426,100	-2,000	1,000
Retail Trade	1,281,600	1,282,900	1,263,500	-1,300	18,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	42,100	43,100	42,500	-1,000	-400
General Merchandise Stores	177,800	176,500	175,300	1,300	2,500
Food Stores	226,000	224,700	226,700	1,300	-700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,700	137,400	137,900	-700	-1,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,700	83,300	84,000	-600	-1,300
Eating & Drinking Places	434,100	435,900	417,900	-1,800	16,200
Other Retail Trade	182,200	182,000	179,200	200	3,000
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**432,000**	**434,400**	**433,200**	**-2,400**	**-1,200**
Depository Insts., Incl. Banks	132,500	133,400	134,000	-900	-1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,900	142,500	139,400	-600	2,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	157,600	158,500	159,800	-900	-2,200
Services	**1,665,500**	**1,671,200**	**1,626,200**	**-5,700**	**39,300**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,600	86,000	84,800	-1,400	-200
Personal Services	79,600	79,500	76,700	100	2,900
Business & Repair Services	419,100	417,900	412,400	1,200	6,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	76,200	77,700	76,700	-1,500	-500
Health Services	471,200	469,700	449,300	1,500	21,900
Educational Services	77,900	76,800	81,000	1,100	-3,100
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	149,500	150,600	143,500	-1,100	6,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	307,400	313,000	301,800	-5,600	5,600
Total Government	**1,251,100**	**1,206,900**	**1,226,100**	**44,200**	**25,000**
Federal Government	204,400	204,900	202,800	-500	1,600
State Government	261,700	253,100	249,300	8,600	12,400
Local Government	785,000	748,900	774,000	36,100	11,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	SEP.'90*	AUG. '90**	SEP.'89**	SEP.'90*	AUG. '90**	SEP.'89**	SEP.'90*	AUG. '90**	SEP.'89**	SEP.'90*	AUG. '90**	SEP.'89**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,400	47,900	48,500	77,100	76,200	76,800	371,300	368,400	366,200	140,200	139,200	136,200
Manufacturing	4,500	4,400	4,800	8,500	8,600	8,500	45,800	45,800	45,000	25,100	25,100	24,800
Mining	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,000	1,000	1,200	700	600	700	1,700	1,700	1,500
Construction	1,700	1,600	1,500	3,500	3,700	3,500	11,000	11,200	11,200	10,800	10,700	10,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	5,600	5,600	5,700	11,200	11,100	11,200	9,700	9,600	9,500
Trade	13,400	13,400	13,100	21,900	21,900	22,300	78,100	77,900	79,400	32,700	32,900	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,800	3,800	4,100	23,700	23,900	23,800	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	14,400	13,700	13,900	17,800	17,700	17,300	94,200	94,100	91,200	33,700	33,700	31,600
Government	8,900	8,500	8,900	15,000	13,900	14,200	106,600	95,800	103,700	21,100	20,100	20,900
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	65,200	64,700	62,200	76,400	75,500	73,800	53,300	52,100	53,200	129,800	129,600	127,600
Manufacturing	16,600	16,500	16,000	11,000	10,900	10,600	3,700	3,800	3,800	11,900	12,000	11,300
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,500	3,400	3,400
Construction	9,100	9,500	8,000	2,200	2,200	2,200	1,500	1,700	1,700	10,100	10,100	9,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,300	3,400	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,400	6,600	6,600	6,800
Trade	11,900	12,000	11,700	20,400	20,600	20,000	12,300	11,500	11,800	32,500	32,300	32,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,900	3,900	3,800	1,700	1,800	1,600	6,300	6,300	6,300
Services & Misc.	9,200	9,100	8,900	17,600	17,700	17,000	9,300	9,600	8,900	30,700	30,700	30,300
Government	11,900	11,100	11,100	18,000	16,800	17,000	22,800	21,700	23,500	28,200	28,200	28,000
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,368.4	1,361.1	1,355.9	205,400	208,100	205,100	579,200	580,000	567,400	74,900	76,000	74,200
Manufacturing	220.7	221.0	223.3	41,400	41,500	41,700	118,500	118,900	120,400	8,500	8,600	8,900
Mining	17.3	17.5	17.3	—	—	—	4,000	4,000	3,900	600	600	500
Construction	46.8	47.1	47.8	8,000	8,200	8,200	20,900	21,200	21,700	6,200	6,400	6,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	80.4	80.4	79.4	10,600	10,700	10,300	57,000	56,600	53,000	5,100	5,300	4,700
Trade	359.7	359.6	347.5	52,700	53,400	51,800	146,200	147,300	145,000	14,400	14,400	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	128.2	128.7	129.9	8,200	8,400	8,500	27,700	27,900	28,200	4,500	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	351.4	351.1	352.6	42,300	42,900	42,000	128,400	129,700	123,500	14,200	14,400	13,700
Government	163.9	155.7	156.1	42,200	41,000	42,600	76,500	74,400	71,700	21,400	21,700	21,700
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,558.5	1,555.7	1,509.7	73,900	74,000	73,600	44,500	44,200	43,100	68,700	68,700	67,500
Manufacturing	165.9	165.9	163.2	8,700	8,800	8,600	1,800	1,800	1,900	16,200	16,100	16,000
Mining	69.4	69.8	65.5	—	—	—	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,400	3,500	3,400
Construction	102.2	103.5	97.4	3,000	3,200	3,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,500	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	107.2	107.8	106.7	2,500	2,600	2,700	6,100	6,100	6,100	3,400	3,400	3,400
Trade	373.5	374.8	366.7	16,500	16,700	16,900	14,500	14,200	13,900	17,000	17,100	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	102.7	102.7	101.9	3,200	3,200	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,700
Services & Misc.	433.8	433.8	415.4	17,400	17,500	17,500	7,400	7,400	7,200	13,800	13,900	13,200
Government	203.8	197.6	192.9	22,600	22,000	21,600	9,900	9,900	9,400	8,800	8,400	8,600
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	97,600	96,800	96,300	100,300	98,000	96,200	44,800	44,300	44,500	43,100	42,600	42,800
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,400	13,300	12,900	12,800	2,400	2,300	2,400	4,100	4,100	4,200
Mining	200	200	300	900	900	900	8,600	8,400	8,500	5,000	4,800	5,200
Construction	3,300	3,500	3,200	4,400	4,600	4,200	1,400	1,500	1,400	2,000	2,100	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,500	5,400	5,100	3,000	2,900	3,000	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	28,500	28,300	28,100	31,200	31,100	29,700	11,000	11,100	10,900	12,800	12,800	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,500	4,200	4,300	4,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	24,200	24,000	23,800	16,500	16,600	16,000	9,500	9,700	9,600	7,800	7,900	7,600
Government	23,300	22,800	22,900	26,500	24,500	25,400	7,300	6,700	7,000	8,000	7,500	7,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	35,900	35,400	36,500	518,500	511,400	511,700	37,000	36,400	37,300	46,800	46,300	47,100
Manufacturing	5,000	4,900	5,400	45,500	45,800	48,900	10,900	10,900	11,100	7,100	7,100	7,300
Mining	600	600	500	2,200	2,200	2,200	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,100	21,600	21,500	21,500	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,700	19,700	19,700	19,400	1,300	1,300	1,600	2,400	2,400	2,400
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,100	132,800	133,000	129,000	8,100	8,200	8,000	10,900	10,900	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,700	1,700	40,500	40,600	41,000	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,800	134,700	134,700	132,100	8,800	8,400	8,600	10,900	11,200	10,400
Government	7,500	7,000	7,200	121,500	113,900	117,600	4,400	4,000	4,400	12,200	11,300	12,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	62,100	61,500	61,100	27,600	28,100	28,000	83,100	80,000	80,900	50,400	49,800	50,400
Manufacturing	11,000	10,900	10,700	3,100	3,100	2,900	16,000	15,800	15,500	7,900	8,000	8,400
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,400	1,500	1,200	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,600	3,100	3,200	2,800	1,800	1,600	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,800	2,800	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,800	2,800	2,500
Trade	16,400	16,300	16,300	7,500	7,800	7,700	18,800	18,700	18,700	11,900	11,800	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,400	1,500	1,800	1,500	5,100	5,100	5,200	2,300	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,500	15,500	15,000	5,800	5,800	6,100	23,300	22,100	22,400	12,800	12,800	12,500
Government	9,700	9,300	9,500	5,200	5,100	5,700	13,300	11,600	12,800	9,900	9,400	9,900

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP.'90*	AUG.'90	SEP.'89	SEP.'90*	AUG.'90	SEP.'89	SEP.'90*	AUG.'90	SEP.'89
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 448.80	$ 441.63	$ 433.44	42.3	41.9	42.0	$ 10.61	$10.54	$10.32
Durable Goods	441.41	437.22	436.35	42.2	42.0	42.2	10.46	10.41	10.34
Lumber & Wood Products	319.50	318.43	313.34	42.6	42.8	42.4	7.50	7.44	7.39
Furniture & Fixtures	286.71	284.38	277.77	40.9	40.8	39.4	7.01	6.97	7.05
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	428.79	419.47	402.90	43.4	43.2	42.1	9.88	9.71	9.57
Primary Metal Industries	514.30	506.53	459.12	44.8	44.2	41.7	11.48	11.46	11.01
Fabricated Metal Products	407.46	402.38	390.44	42.4	42.4	43.0	9.61	9.49	9.08
Machinery, exc. Electric	448.49	434.28	418.74	43.0	42.0	42.0	10.43	10.34	9.97
Oil Field Machinery	555.91	521.20	512.60	47.8	45.8	44.0	11.63	11.38	11.65
Electric & Electronic Equip.	482.47	469.61	514.68	41.7	40.8	42.5	11.57	11.51	12.11
Transportation Equipment	554.96	568.58	590.02	41.2	41.9	43.9	13.47	13.57	13.44
Instruments & Related Prod.	418.81	416.94	393.73	41.1	41.2	40.3	10.19	10.12	9.77
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	280.84	290.22	290.66	37.9	38.8	38.6	7.41	7.48	7.53
Nondurable Goods	457.92	448.33	429.70	42.4	41.9	41.8	10.80	10.70	10.28
Food & Kindred Products	372.12	371.89	361.96	44.3	43.7	43.4	8.40	8.51	8.34
Meat Products	296.59	289.96	277.30	45.7	43.8	42.4	6.49	6.62	6.54
Malt Beverages	891.51	890.19	916.11	47.7	47.3	49.6	18.69	18.82	18.47
Textile Mill Products	340.85	351.55	325.30	43.2	44.5	43.2	7.89	7.90	7.53
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	213.70	214.14	205.06	37.1	37.7	38.4	5.76	5.68	5.34
Paper & Allied Products	501.67	491.62	497.29	44.2	43.2	44.6	11.35	11.38	11.15
Printing & Publishing	437.38	431.33	411.93	40.8	40.5	39.8	10.72	10.65	10.35
Chemicals & Allied Products	711.12	695.50	697.25	43.6	42.8	43.2	16.31	16.25	16.14
Petroleum & Coal Products	824.29	737.59	712.79	47.4	43.8	44.3	17.39	16.84	16.09
Petroleum Refining	858.70	760.82	741.82	47.6	43.5	44.5	18.04	17.49	16.67
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	391.87	395.41	361.32	41.6	42.2	41.2	9.42	9.37	8.77
Leather & Leather Products	260.65	255.84	240.95	40.1	39.3	38.8	6.50	6.51	6.21
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	647.22	620.61	535.30	46.9	45.7	40.8	13.80	13.58	13.12
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	608.02	616.78	546.39	50.5	51.1	46.7	12.04	12.07	11.70
Oil & Gas Extraction	650.53	620.61	534.90	46.7	45.3	40.4	13.93	13.70	13.24
Communications	543.35	533.20	513.68	40.7	40.0	40.1	13.35	13.33	12.81
Elec., Gas & San. Services	586.45	574.59	510.04	43.7	43.3	41.5	13.42	13.27	12.29
Wholesale & Retail Trade	244.27	242.95	239.69	32.7	33.1	32.7	7.47	7.34	7.33
Wholesale Trade	428.80	415.28	420.95	40.0	39.4	39.9	10.72	10.54	10.55
Retail Trade	189.10	190.94	184.53	30.5	31.2	30.5	6.20	6.12	6.05
General Merchandise Stores	185.33	188.80	182.08	29.7	30.6	29.8	6.24	6.17	6.11
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	312.76	282.72	280.85	38.9	36.2	37.1	8.04	7.81	7.57

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 451.34	$ 447.96	$ 444.98	42.7	42.3	42.5	$ 10.57	$ 10.59	$ 10.47
Durable Goods	477.22	473.61	482.29	42.8	42.4	43.1	11.15	11.17	11.19
Nondurable Goods	408.53	404.58	382.72	42.6	42.1	41.6	9.59	9.61	9.20
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	467.62	470.41	460.08	41.2	41.3	41.3	11.35	11.39	11.14
Durable Goods	495.04	497.84	485.47	41.6	41.8	41.6	11.90	11.91	11.67
Nondurable Goods	404.01	407.02	404.74	40.2	40.1	40.8	10.05	10.15	9.92
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	541.18	525.60	518.18	44.8	43.8	44.1	12.08	12.00	11.75
Durable Goods	468.20	454.03	440.34	45.5	44.6	44.3	10.29	10.18	9.94
Nondurable Goods	627.65	612.18	618.20	43.8	42.9	44.0	14.33	14.27	14.05
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	314.00	315.52	304.50	40.0	40.4	40.6	7.85	7.81	7.50
Durable Goods	335.30	334.54	337.43	40.3	40.6	41.2	8.32	8.24	8.19
Nondurable Goods	291.80	295.54	273.20	39.7	40.1	40.0	7.35	7.37	6.83

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Nondurable Goods increased by 100 jobs over the month. Several losses offset the largest gain of 1,300 in Food and Kindred Products. Among these losses were Printing and Publishing, down 700, Chemicals and Allied Products, down 500, Petroleum and Coal Products, which dropped by 400, and Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, down by 100.

Average Weekly Earnings Rise

For the estimated 629,100 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by seven cents from August to September 1990. Average Weekly Hours were up by four-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $7.17 over the month. This was $15.36 above the September 1989 level.

In mid-September a worker, on average, was earning $10.61 per hour for a 42.3-hour week, and making $448.80 in weekly earnings. This compared with $10.54 per hour for a 41.9-hour week, at $441.63 in Average Weekly Earnings one month ago. The year-ago figures were $10.32 per hour for a 42.0-hour week, with $433.44 in Average Weekly Earnings.

Average Weekly Earnings in Nondurable Goods increased by $9.59 over the month. Compared to one year ago, the increase was $28.22. In Durable Goods, Average Weekly Earnings went up by $4.19 from August. The increase from September '89 was $5.06.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep.'90	Sep.'89
Total Population	17,170,600*	17,016,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.5
UI Covered Employers	316,855	309,562
Total Claims Actions	469,432	473,986
Total Initial Claims Actions	53,376	56,865
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	416,056	417,121
Total Placements	32,531	34,152
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.50	$152.74
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$50,680,706	$50,297,069

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
THIRD QUARTER 1990 (JLY.-SEP.)

Abilene	$1,359,516
Amarillo	1,482,480
Austin	7,273,348
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,777,505
Brazoria	1,563,310
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,717,153
Bryan-College Station	575,064
Corpus Christi	3,364,839
Dallas	31,129,831
El Paso	7,516,324
Fort Worth-Arlington	15,378,383
Galveston-Texas City	3,142,041
Houston	33,878,006
Killeen-Temple	2,206,650
Laredo	1,057,024
Longview-Marshall	1,889,690
Lubbock	1,727,756
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,462,919
Midland	1,033,206
Odessa	1,073,177
San Angelo	854,419
San Antonio	14,701,643
Sherman-Denison	861,049
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	646,881
Tyler	1,830,973
Victoria	454,348
Waco	2,419,173
Wichita Falls	1,594,100

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